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From: Mosher, Eric
Sent: Sun 3/22/2015 3:50:48 AM
Subject: Fwd: Possible pesticide poisoning case in St. John

Geoff and Cris,

See mine and Judith's email below. You guys are probably on this already but there are some issues that need to be addressed.

1. Our sampling needs to start occurring soon by the government. I am not sure DPNR can do it so I assuming it is going to be done by us.
2. We need to have terminex not use their stockpile further. They can do it voluntarily upfront but we need to follow up with CID and ORC.
3. I am sure you have the site secured but we also need to investigate other off site uses of this product.

If we need more people to deploy please let me know. I apologize if you folks are already on these issues. Just sharing the current management issues. Everyone is doing an excellent job thanks for jumping on this with DPNR so quickly.

Note...the RA will be in the USVI next week.

Regards,

Eric

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mosher, Eric" <Mosher.Eric@epa.gov>
Date: March 21, 2015 at 9:15:54 PM EDT
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Subject: Re: Possible pesticide poisoning case in St. John

Judith,

Absolutely. I was talking with Cris earlier today about involving CID. We need control the stockpile until we get further answers.

Our priority is to get some samples quickly and control the site to avoid further exposures. We also need to determine other off site locations where this product might have been used.

Will talk to Cris about next steps.

Regards,

Eric

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On Mar 21, 2015, at 2:36 PM, Enck, Judith <Enck.Judith@epa.gov> wrote:

Enforcement confidential :A family from Delaware is vacationing in St. John and has allegedly been exposed to the banned indoor pesticide methyl chloride. I became aware of this Friday afternoon and called osc Geoff garrison The family of four are in the hospital and two of them are on ventilators. '

. Geoff called vi dpnr late yesterday and they were not aware of the situation. They confirmed that the banned pesticide is part of a stockpile and it was applied by terminex - a national chain. Dpnr was planning a very very modest response with chain of command problems. Geoff convinced them to let him address the situation when he arrives later today. Geoff will land in st Thomas at 4 pm and then catch the ferry to St. John and then get to the site. Eric, the pesticide was banned for residential use about ten years ago. A lawyer needs to find out if it can still be used by terminex. Common sense tells me the stockpiled pesticide should not be in the hands of this applicator until all the facts are gathered. Eric, plz let Geoff know what do do with the stockpile

Mary, let us know on Monday if you receive any inquiries. By coincidence I will be in St. John Monday morning. We need to ensure that other tourists are not exposed and we need to ensure that all the proper information is secured by Geoff for any potential enforcement case.

Geoff garrisons cell is 340 201 5328. I very much appreciate geoff's rapid response

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